GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2002
POWER GENERATION THROUGH SUGAR MILLS
MANSINH PATEL;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to bring in a legislation for generating power based on bagasse through sugar mills;

(b) whether any scheme is being formulated in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.63 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

The Sugar Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2002, has been notified in the Official Gazette on 28th May, 2002 to provide that the Sugar Development Fund shall, inter-alia, be applied for making loans to any sugar factory or unit thereof for bagasse based cogeneration power projects with a view to improving their viability. The Amendment Act came into effect in June, 2002.

2. It is envisaged to provide loans from the Sugar Development Fund for this purpose atconcessional terms. The finalization of the Rules for carrying out the provisions of the Sugar Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2002, is in progress.